

Remarks

The difference between claim 1 as faxed to Examiner on May 15 and claim 1 as presently amended is that the language "a value which is *computed* from a current value of a reference field in the returned record" in lines 19 and 20 has been amended to "a value which is *derived* from a current value of a reference field in the returned record". The change makes claim 1 generic to claims 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 and thus generic to the various species of the particular predefined action set forth in those claims. Claims 4-8 and 19 are now directed to various "further predefined action[s]" that do not involve the reference fields used in the "particular predefined action[s]" set forth in claims 1 and 9-18.

As Examiner will immediately see, the amendments to the dependent claims serve to incorporate the additional amendments noted by Examiner and to bring the dependent claims into conformity with claim 1 as now amended.

Conclusion

Applicant has amended his claim 1 so that it includes a limitation which is generic to the limitations of claims 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 and which Applicant believes that Examiner will find patentable over the references. That being the case, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner continue with the examination and allow the claims as amended, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.111(a). No fees are believed to be required for this amendment; should any be, please charge them to deposit account 501315.